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SUBJECT: U.S. COMPUTER, PERIPHERAL EQUIPMENT, AND RELATED
PARTS

IMPORTS FROM CANADA

REF: (A) TORONTO 307, (B) OTTAWA 764, (C) STATE 44748

1. AS REQUESTED IN REF B WE HAVE DETERMINED SITC COMMODITY
CATEGORY 714.3, "ACCOUNTING, COMPUTING, AND OTHER DATA
PROCESSING MACHINERY", HAS ONLY TWO COMPONENTS FROM THE
U.S. TARIFF SCHEDULE: 676.1500, "ACCOUNTING, COMPUTING,
AND OTHER DATA PROCESSING MACHINES", AND 676.3030, "OFFICE
MACHINES NOT SPECIALLY PROVIDED FOR--DATA PROCESSING
MACHINES." NO FURTHER BREAKDOWN HAS BEEN MADE IN THE U.S.
TARIFF CATEGORIES BECAUSE OVERALL U.S. IMPORTS OF THESE
COMMODITIES ARE SMALL. DATA FOR U.S. IMPORTS FROM CANADA
IN 1970-1974 FOLLOW (IN MILLIONS OF U.S. DOLLARS):

YEAR	676.1500	676.3030	TOTAL
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1970	2.0	36.6	38.6
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1971	3.5	83.5	87.0
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1972	6.1	128.1	134.2
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1973	5.4	61.6	67.0
1974	14.0	39.2	53.2

2. ONE OTHER U.S. TARIFF SCHEDULE CATEGORY, 676.5200,

"PARTS OF THE FOREGOING" (BUSINESS MACHINES OTHER THAN TYPEWRITERS), INCLUDES MOST COMPUTER PARTS, BUT THERE IS NO WAY TO ISOLATE COMPUTER PARTS IN THIS CATEGORY (PARTS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN SITC 714.3). U.S. IMPORTS FROM CANADA IN THIS CATEGORY ARE SIZEABLE, AS THE FOLLOWING TABLE INDICATES (IN MILLIONS OF U.S. DOLLARS):

YEAR	676.5200
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1970	23.4
1971	15.8
1972	30.7
1973	28.8
1974	42.5

3. THE FOREGOING AGGREGATE DATA SHOW THAT THE DECREASE IN U.S. IMPORTS FROM CANADA OCCURRED IN TSUS CATEGORY 676.3030. ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO FURTHER OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION OF WHAT FALLS WITHIN THIS HEADING, BUREAU OF CUSTOMS HAS PROVIDED AN ILLUSTRATIVE LIST OF IMPORTS THAT LARGELY INCLUDES PERIPHERAL COMPUTER EQUIPMENT (E.G. PAPER FEEDERS, TAPE READERS, PRINTING DEVICES) AND SPECIALTY COMPUTERS (SUCH AS THOSE FOR AMUSEMENT BALL GAMES). CUSTOMS CANNOT PROVIDE A DEFINITIVE ANSWER ON A PARTICULAR ITEMS CLASSIFICATION WITHOUT ITS DETAILED DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION, BUT THEY ADVISE MOST CARD PUNCHING AND TABULATING EQUIPMENT FALLS UNDER 676.3030. THIS SUPPORTS SUGGESTION IN REF A THAT DECLINE IN IMPORTS IN THESE ITEMS WOULD EXPLAIN THE DROP IN COMMODITY CATEGORY 714.13 IMPORTS FROM CANADA.

4. SINCE ECONOMIC SECTION OF IBM WORLD TRADE IS UNABLE TO EXPLAIN SHARP IMPORT DROP-OFF HERE AND HAS SUGGESTED THAT DR. HABERER OF IBM DON MILLS, ONTARIO OPERATION MIGHT BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF ASSISTANCE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONSULATE GENERAL TORONTO CONTACTING HIM AT 416-443-2111 TO SEE IF HE HAS ANY EXPLANATION. KISSINGER

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